

Annual Report 2015



The City of Eudora would like to say thank you to all the people who work and serve in our community.

<u>CITY COMMISSION</u>		<u>RECREATION DEPT</u>
Mayor Tim Reazin	Term Expires: 2017	Director of Parks & Recreation: Gary Scott
Vice-Mayor Ruth Hughs	Term Expires: 2019	Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation: Jim Kegin
Commissioner Jolene Born	Term Expires: 2017	Maintenance/Front Desk: Della Mullen
Commissioner Maria Nelson	Resigned Dec. 4, 2015	Part-Time Grounds Maintenance Tech: Steve McGinness
Commissioner Troy Squire	Term Expires: 2019	Part-Time Grounds Maintenance Tech: Anthony Church
Commissioner Tim Bruce	Term Expires: 2019	Part-Time Group Fitness leader: Diana Chrislip
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE</u>		Part-Time Front Desk Attendant: Erin Wellman
City Manager: Gary Ortiz		Part-Time Front Desk Attendant: Kelly Nelson
Assistant City Manager: Barack Matite		Part-Time Front Desk Attendant: Lori Foos
City Codes Administrator: Curt Baumann		Part-Time Front Desk Attendant: Maria Wellman
City Management Intern: Kelly Dumais		Part-Time Front Desk Attendant: Sam Beckner
<u>POLICE DEPT</u>		Part-Time Child Care Coordinator: Jamie Grant-Hamm
Chief of Police: Bill Edwards		Part-Time After School Child Care Supervisor: Ashley Bower
Municipal Court Clerk: Carol Gregg		Part-Time After School Child Care Supervisor: Jacob Turnbaugh
Sergeant: Tom Willis		Part-Time After School Child Care Staff: Ashley Miller
Sergeant: Chris Casagrande		Part-Time After School Child Care Staff: Jesse Dennison
SRO/Police Officer: Caleb Lewis		Part-Time After School Child Care Staff: Camden Johnson
Police Detective: Daniel Flick		Part-Time After School Child Care Staff: Rachel Stockton
Police Officer: Brandon Sharp		Part-Time Pool Management Team: Mallorie Cleveland
Police Officer: Dylan Eckard		Part-Time Pool Management Team: Travisray Salyer
Police Officer: Colby Harrell		Part-Time Pool Management Team: Josh Aarnes
Police Officer: Tyler Trowbridge		Part Time After School Child Care Staff: Camryn Splichal
Police Officer: Chad Robertson		Part-Time After School Child Care Staff: Rachel Stockton
<u>FIRE DEPT</u>		<u>CITY HALL</u>
Fire Chief: Ken Keiter		City Clerk: Pam Schmeck
Part-Time Deputy Fire Chief: Benjamin Green		Budget Analyst/Treasurer: Renee Shackelford
Volunteer Lieutenant: Chris Hull		Accounts Payable Clerk: Betsy Crabill
Volunteer Lieutenant: Peter Friedel		Billing Specialist: Christy Morris
Volunteer Lieutenant: Yvette Gadberry		Billing Specialist: Eric Strimple
Volunteer Training Chief: Dave Wickersheim		IT Administrator: Adam Nichol
Volunteer Firefighter/AEMT: Aaron Lathrom		Museum Director: Ben Terwilliger
Volunteer Firefighter/AEMT: Chad Dittman		<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Dylan Briggs		Director of Public Works: Mike Hutto
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Alex Bailey		Electrical Superintendent: Eldon Brown
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Brent Luedeke		Public Works Assistant: Debbie Eaton
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Chris Wiebeck		Electric Lineman: Nathan Jones
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Dustin Eichler		Electric Lineman: Mark Sanders
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Gary Klotz		Apprentice Lineman: Cameron Horesky
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Jacob McDade		Apprentice Lineman: Ryan Barnes
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Jacob Swinney		Field Operations Supervisor: Chad Musick
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Jim Kerby		Equipment Operator: Shawn Athey
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: John Woolfolk		Utility Worker: John Green
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Justin Thomsen		Utility Worker: Steven Owen
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Kyle Segraves		Utility Worker: Gordon Snyder
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Eric Morris		Water Plant /WWTP Forman: Rusty Tournade
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Nick Swanger		Water Plant Operator: Lawrence Steele
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Peter Latta		Water Plant Operator: Travis Ramos
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Nathaniel Pike		Wastewater Operator: Ken Latshaw
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT: Brandon McKenna		Water Plant/WWTP Operator: Chris Meyeres
Volunteer Firefighter/EMT-P: Justin Simonich		Facility Maintenance: Scott Tumberlin
Volunteer Firefighter: Kevin Blake		City Mechanic: Ronald Reed

A Letter from the City Manager

Building a solid foundation for progress and prosperity:

On behalf of your City staff, it is my privilege to convey to you the Annual Report for 2015. We thank the members of the City Commission for your vision and guidance throughout the year and hope you reflect fondly on the foundation we are establishing for the City's continued progress and prosperity.

Following the destruction of the F1 tornado that hit Eudora last Fall, we witnessed the community character of our city. Neighbors were helping neighbors immediately following the storm. Our seamless inter-departmental cooperation helped to stabilize the situation and restore electrical service, public safety and aesthetic order to the public spaces and right-of-ways. There were many stories of civic service and selfless acts of kindness and generosity, the incident worked to draw the community more closely together and underscored what a fantastic and caring civic spirit resides here in Eudora.

The City emphasizes *governmental values* for the City's continued progress. *Efficiency* is a time tested and fundamental principal in returning value for the investment that the public makes with their tax dollars. The energy efficiency study (ESCO) is an excellent example of a government holding itself *accountable* to the taxpaying public by ensuring that its energy use and business practices are as efficient and least costly as is possible. Replacing outdated and inaccurate equipment is a commitment that one must make in order to sustain efficient operations. Projects that clean, restore and/or treat aging infrastructure such as the sandblasting and painting of the water towers and repairing of the water storage tanks are examples of *responsible stewardship* returning value to utility customers. *Properly funding* the on-going maintenance efforts is an important function that the City Commission fulfills and we appreciate your *leadership*.

Likewise, *investment* in the City's technological infrastructure is an unseen and often times underappreciated commitment that is necessary to be *effective* and *transparent* in serving our constituents. Making the necessary hardware (servers) and software (Tyler Technology) upgrades present operational and financial challenges, to the City, that are not easily met but necessary in *adapting* to demands for ever increasing information needs. The series of improvements made to the public Cemetery is another fine example of the type of public *stewardship* that leaves a place better than before. It also enhances the civic order, in respecting the lives of those who preceded us in establishing and building this community, and creating a dignified setting in which loved ones may continue to hold their memories dear.

Of course building a foundation today upon which a more successful future may be shaped is as important as responsibly caring for investments of the past. The passage of the 3/4 cent sales tax initiative is the pinnacle achievement realized in 2015. This will create a revenue source for future investment and improvements that can potentially grow along with the economic base and infrastructure needs of the City. The purchase of the abandoned Nottingham school gestures toward the dream of economic expansion and greater local retail offerings as does the continued investment in the Buxton study in facilitating a better understanding of trade area and retail needs as they occur today.

Finally, the Great Kaw Adventure Race is another investment in a better Eudora. Eudora is investing in creative, innovative, and exciting activities for our residents and visitors. In addition to promoting health and wellness, this event celebrates the natural resources in our community and the leisure and fitness opportunities they provide to us.

We are as optimistic about the progress that will be made in the coming year! Thank you once again for all you do for Eudora and congratulations!



Gary Ortiz
City Manager



Mission Statement

It is the mission of the City of Eudora to provide services in an effective and efficient manner to enhance the quality of life for citizens we serve.

Learning

- Continued staff development and deployment of best practices will be used to increase the effectiveness of our service to the community.

Professionalism

- Our actions, appearance, and daily work will reflect the important role we have in the community. Members of the organization agree to be accountable for the work they perform and how it is performed.

Teamwork

- Intra and inter department collaboration are essential to providing efficient and effective services.

Vision

- Our work today will be linked to the goals we have for improving service tomorrow.

The Great Kaw Adventure Race

The 2015 Great Kaw Adventure Race hosted 30 participants in a 25 mile adventure course that traversed through Eudora, down the Wakarusa and Kansas Rivers, throughout downtown De Soto, and back through the rolling hills of northeast Kansas to celebrate in CPA Park. This event highlighted the adventurous spirit of Eudora and was possible through the hard work of many members in our community. We look forward to this event transitioning into a Eudora tradition to be repeated for many years to come.





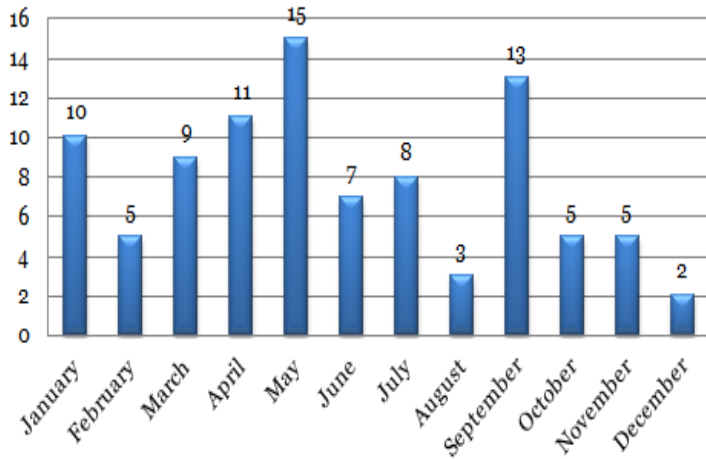
Police Department

The Eudora Police Department believes that the foundation of public safety is strong relationships with the community and a commitment to professional integrity.

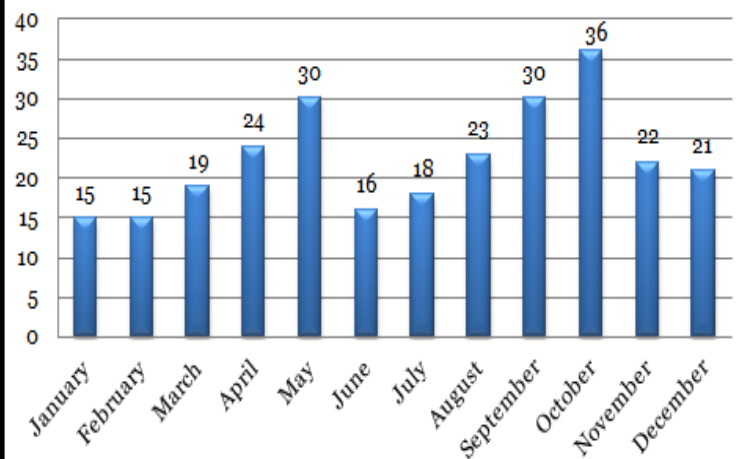
- The Eudora Police Department strives to provide services to the community while respecting individual rights and maintaining a high degree of professionalism.
- The Eudora Police Department participated in community events throughout the year, providing services as well as building relationships.
- In 2015, the Eudora Police Department responded to 5,570 calls for service in our community.
- The City Commission approved the addition of a detective position to the Eudora Police Department.
- The philosophy of the Eudora Police Department revolves around the professional development of officers to promote leadership in our community and in our region.
- The Eudora Police Department strives to build trust in our community through positive contact with residents and transparency within the department.



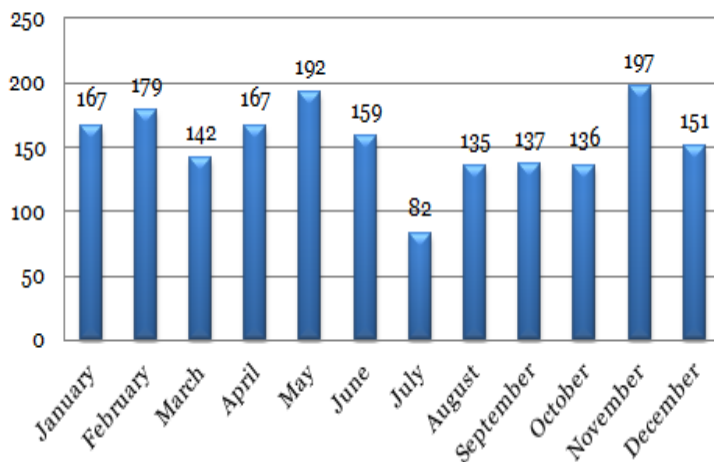
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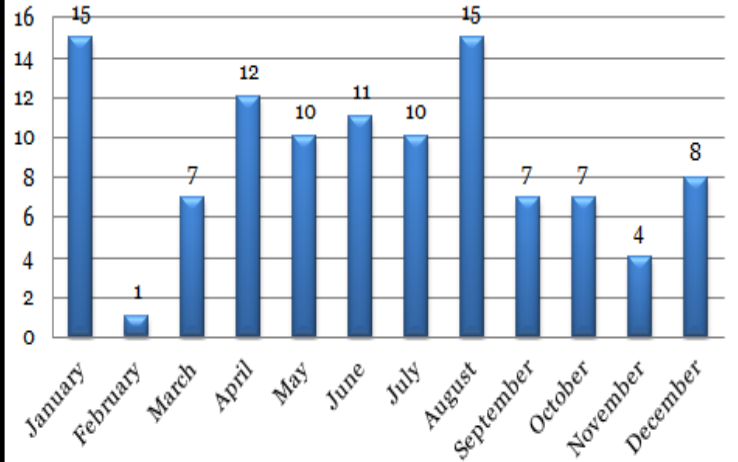
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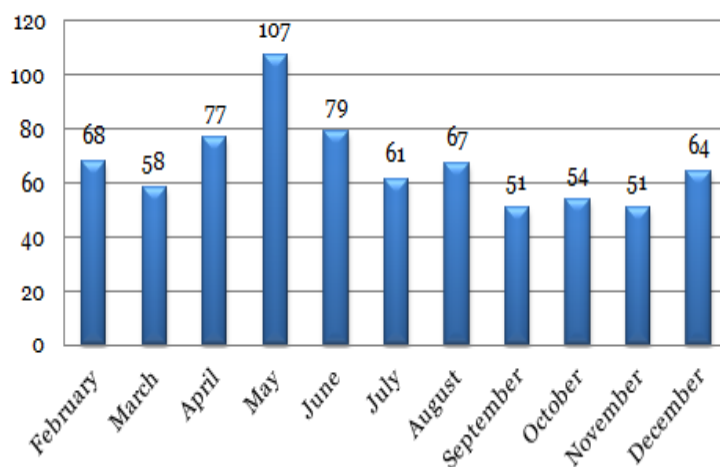
Car Stops



Written Warnings



Total Citations

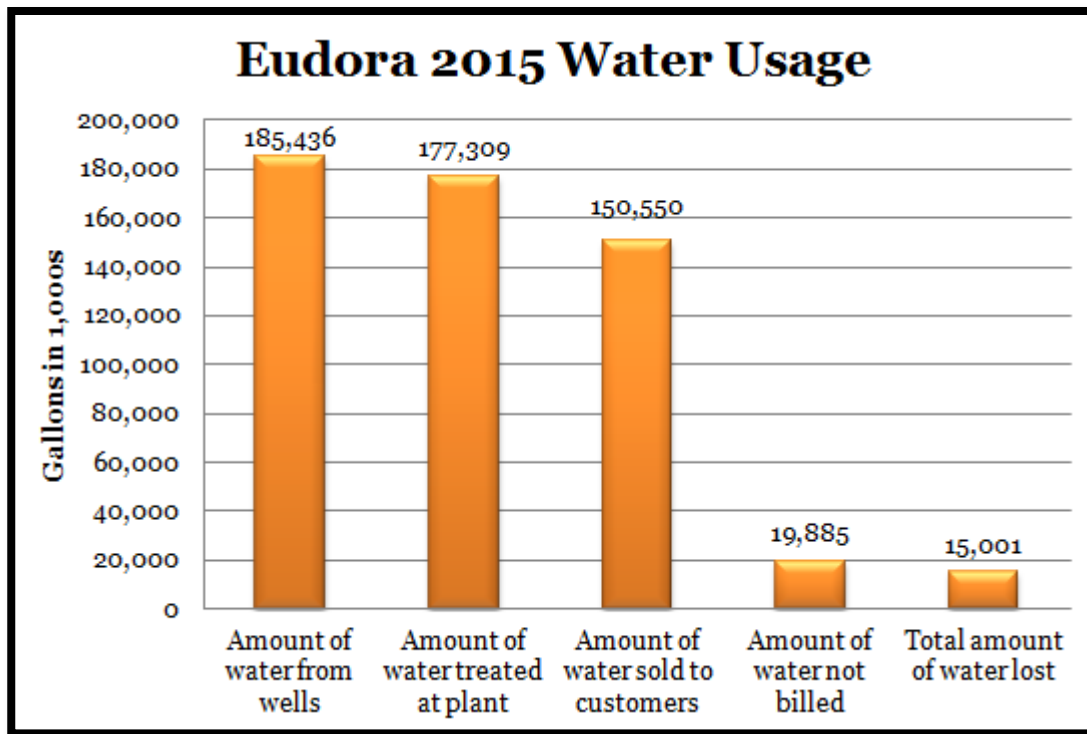




Public Works

The Eudora Public Works Department maintains and constructs Eudora's infrastructure.

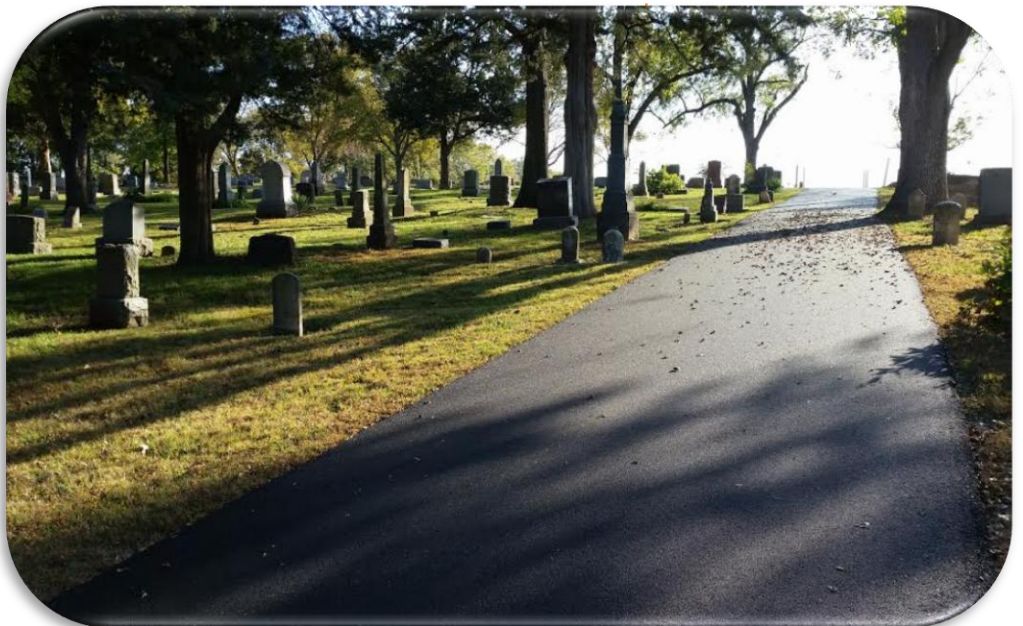
- In 2015, the Eudora Public Works Department began the process of transitioning our city's water meters to an updated technology that provides greater accuracy and efficiency. In partnership with the Municipal Office, the Public Works Department will continue this transition throughout 2016.
- In July of 2015, the Public Works Department quickly responded after a tornado went through the city. They were able to clear debris and restore power to most Eudora residents within 24 hours.
- Eudora's Electric Division is staffed by five employees who are responsible for serving over 2,500 customers.
- They maintain and repair over 100 miles of electrical lines, 1,000 poles, 600 transformers and 310 street lights.
- They also oversee maintenance of lights for four baseball fields, all city buildings and related infrastructure in Eudora.
- In 2015, The Eudora Public Works Street Division applied 1,050 feet of curb replacement, 3,000 feet of chip seal, 320 tons of asphalt patches and 8,304 feet of overlay. These maintenance improvements increase public safety by increasing skid resistance and road quality as well as decreasing vehicle maintenance costs.



City of Eudora 2015 Electricity Usage

Total electricity purchased	49,179 MWH
Total electricity sold to customers (residential and commercial)	44,946 MWH
Peak kw	11.92 MW
Peak month	July, 2015
Total public building usage and line loss	4,233 MWH

The Eudora Public Works Department completed several renovation projects in 2015 within the Eudora Cemetery including new signs and asphalt overlay.





Fire Department

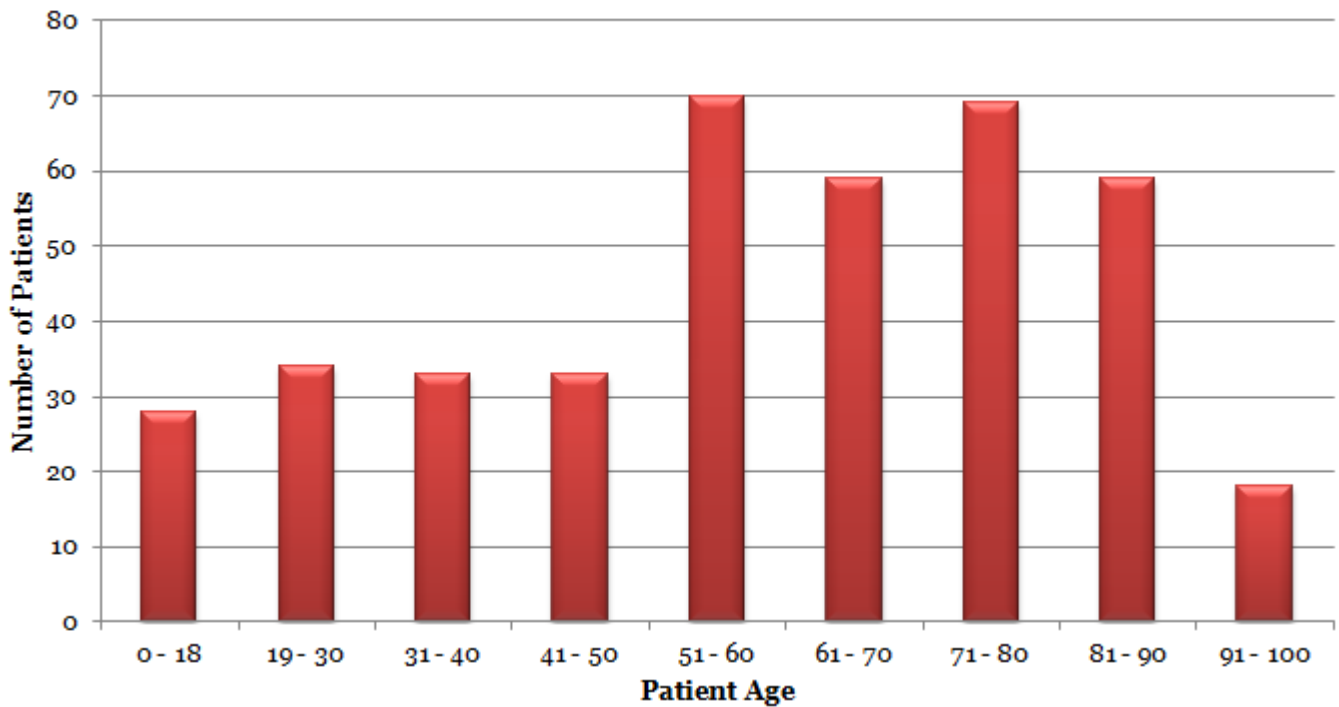
Mission: The Eudora Fire Department is responsible for ensuring fire and life safety and to reduce the risk of fire loss to the lives and property of the citizens of Eudora.

- The Eudora Fire Department is made up of a full time fire chief and 35 paid-per-call volunteers.
- The department has two fire engines, a brush truck and two first response vehicles.
- In 2015, the Eudora Fire Department responded to 692 fire and emergency medical service incidents.
- The average response time from dispatch to arrival was 5 minutes and 17 seconds.

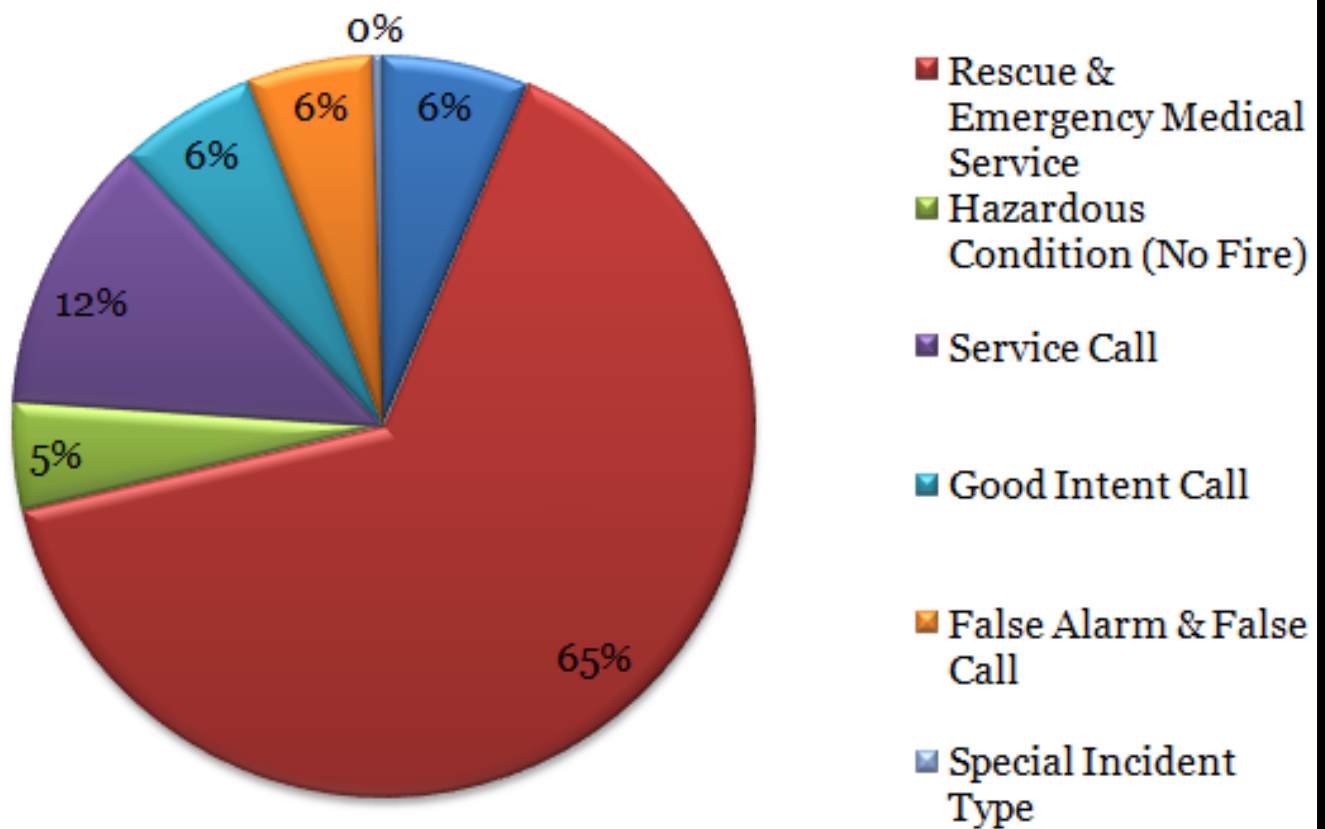
Programs

- Community Education Program provided First-Aid/CPR/AED classes to 140 home daycare providers, lifeguards, babysitters and emergency response personnel;
- Fire Prevention & Life Safety Program;
- Fire Suppression Program;
- Emergency Medical Service Program;
- Rescue Program;
- Hazardous Materials Program;
- Public Education Program;
- Domestic Preparedness Planning and Response Program.

Patients



Types of Incidents



Municipal Office

The City's Municipal Office carries out policy development, policy implementation, employee oversight and management, financial reporting, budget preparation and legal publications.

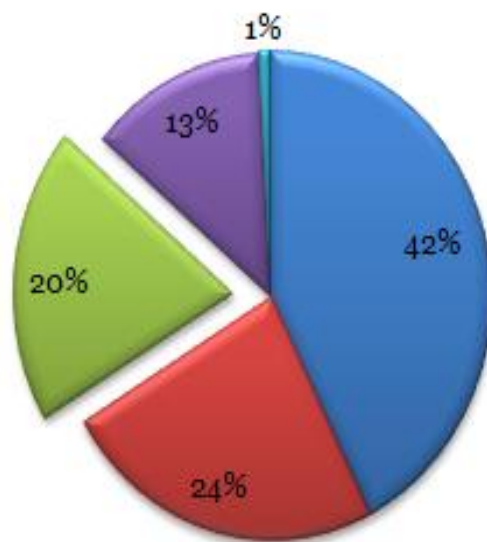
- The City Municipal Office maintains and serves as the official custodian of all municipal documents.
- They create, maintain, and balance city budget.
- They develop and manage staff performance to ensure excellent customer service for city residents.
- They manage benefit plan and liability components.
- They develop the annual operating, capital projects and 3-5 year Capital Improvement Plan.
- They provide election material.
- They monitor and analyze the activities of the current and prior fiscal years to detect trends in both revenue and expenditures.
- They manage accounts payable and receivable.
- They generate and implement city accounting policies, procedures, and internal controls to ensure the integrity of city financial operations and compliance with all legal and regulatory requirements and mandates.
- They receive official bids.
- They respond to all written public records requests in accordance with the Kansas Open Records Act.
- They record official transactions and proceedings of the governing body.

2015 Code Enforcement and Planning

Abated Properties	4
Abandoned Vehicles	20
Board of Zoning Appeals	2
Code Violation	54
Weed Abatement	117
Building Permits	336
Flood Plain Amendment	1
Lot Consolidation	3
Rezoning	3
Site Plans	2
Annexations	1

In 2015, the City of Eudora Municipal Office transitioned to a new utility billing and records system, Tyler Technology. Our previous system was no longer compatible with current technologies and this transition is helping our city to better serve residents through increased accuracy and transparency for city services.

2015 Mill Levy



Total Mill Levy: 153.720



Parks and Recreation

Mission: To provide park and recreational opportunities for the Eudora community that will enhance and promote healthy lifestyles for all ages. The Eudora Parks and Recreation Department also provides its residents and others from surrounding communities with opportunities to participate in fun family oriented activities.

- The Eudora Community Recreation Center had 788 wellness and fitness members. That number is up from 396 members in 2014.
- The Eudora Community Recreation Center hosted 118,000 hours of activities for the community this year.
- The Eudora Aquatics Center hosted 23,348 visitors in 2015.
- 350 adults participated in sports put on through Eudora Parks and Recreation.
- Youth programming provided 26,406 hours of leisure activities.
- Eudora Parks and Recreation works to provide new programming and events for residents each year.

In 2015:

The Eudora Parks and Recreation Department also hosts after school programs. These programs provide daily structured activities for kids when they are not in school.

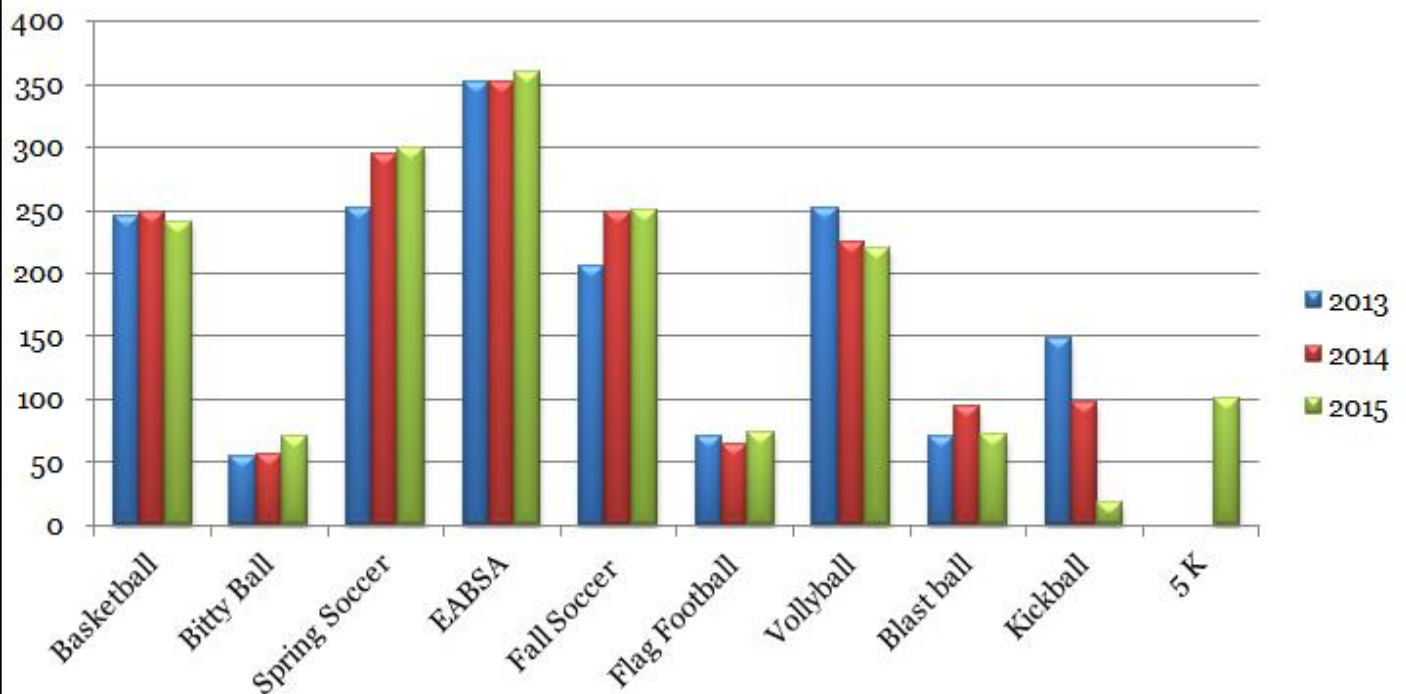
1,147 kids participated in after school programs.

426 kids participated in summer youth camps.

Parks and Recreation Events

- Healthy Lifestyle Program
- Downtown Eudora flower bed upgrade
- Club 785
- Pickleball
- Pancakes for employees on Pancake Day in February
- Hot Shot Basketball contest
- Leprechaun 5k run/walk
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Geo-caching event
- Card playing groups on Monday and Thursday
- “Let’s Get Growing”
- After School program
- Summer camp program
- Eudora Olympic Day
- Great Pumpkin Hunt
- Picnic in the Park
- Window painting and art walk downtown
- United Way Born Learning Trail
- Holiday Hayrides
- Tree Maintenance
- Starlight Theatre Family Trip
- 4th of July Fireworks
- Kansas City Chiefs Family Event
- Halloween Trunk or Treat
- December Dash 5K
- Hershey Track and Field Meet
- Farmers Market
- Family Fun Nights
- KC Royals Baseball Family Trip
- LMH Summer Spray 5K

Program Participation



Connect Eudora

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Lawrence Journal World

Look for Eudora news in the Lawrence Journal World newspaper.

Social Media

Follow the City of Eudora on Facebook and Twitter to get updates about community events, city news, or alerts.

The City of Eudora also has a Flickr page with photos of town events.

City Newsletter

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